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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. HIROI, et al  
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For: PATTERN INSPECTION METHOD AND  
SYSTEM THEREFOR  
Group: 2881  
Examiner: J. Berman

**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 USC 120**

Mail Stop: Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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December 18, 2006

Sir:

Petitioners, through their undersigned attorney have recently uncovered the fact that one of the inventors of the present application was also a co-inventor of a prior US application disclosing related subject matter and copendency with the present application.

Accordingly, accompanying this petition is an amendment of the present application as set forth below:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/450,856, filed November 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,476,913.

Such reference is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.78(a)(3)(i), and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78(a)(3)(ii), is accompanied by the

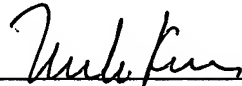
surcharge set forth 37 CFR §1.17(t) and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78(a)(3)(iii),  
the following statement is submitted:

Petitioners submit that the entire delay, between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 CFR §1.78 and the date the claim was filled, was unintentional.

For the foregoing reasons, granting of the petition is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.41125X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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